in April, 1977 for construction of Mirkarwada (District Ratnagiri) Fisheries Harbour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that approval of Rs. 1107.00 lakhs had also been accorded in July, 1987 for the same work due to increase in the cost;

(c) whether it is a fact that an expenditure of Rs. 14.53 crores for this work has been incurred upto October, 1992;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to increase of construction cost, pending approval the estimated cost has been further revised to Rs. 1870.21 lakh special care has not been taken regarding time bound work;

(e) if so, the reasons for non completions of the construction of the Harbour and a time bound programme; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken for early completion of the Harbour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the information available from the State Government, an amount of Rs. 1435.40 lakhs was spent upto September, 1992 on the project.

(d) to (f) Recently the Government of Maharashtra submitted the revised cost estimate of the project amounting to Rs. 1870.24 lakhs for consideration of the Government. While issuing the revised administrative approval for Rs. 1107.00 lakhs in July, 1987, it was clarified that no cost escalation over and above sanctioned amount would be entertained and that the State Government would take necessary steps to ensure completion of the project by October, 1987. However, the State Government could not complete the work within the time frame resulting in cost/time over run. It is now the responsibility of the State Government to complete the harbour quickly out of its own resources.

Compaign against multinational seed Corporations

2156. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers propose to launch a nation wide campaign against multinational seed corporations;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reports about agitation by farmers against multinational seed corporations have appeared in some newspapers.

(c) Safeguards for farmers have already been provided under the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988 which is reviewed periodically.

Promotion of Scientists in ICAR

2157. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has referred the case of promotion of Scientists working in the pay scale Rs. 2200—